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***Lt. Governor Announces 2006 Tourism Council Officers***

Indiana Tourism Council appointees have been named for the 2005-06 calendar year. Chaired by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, the Tourism Council is comprised of members of the tourism and hospitality industries as well as state government. The council's objective is to build commitment and unity among tourism industry groups, encourage public and private participation necessary for the promotion of tourism, and make recommendations to the Office of Tourism Development.

"This team has the expertise and drive to grow Indiana tourism to its full potential," remarked Lt. Governor Skillman. "The Tourism Council serves as a great resource for the Office of Tourism Development. The Council members' experience and their innovative ideas will help us promote Indiana tourism to the country and the world."

Lt. Governor Skillman has oversight of the Indiana Office of Tourism Development with Amy Vaughan serving as the director of the agency.

The Tourism Council's first meeting is Sept. 27 in Auburn, Ind. Their first charge will be to examine the early school start dates in Indiana and how that affects the tourism industry. Below is the list of Tourism Council members.

**Governor-appointed council members :**

- Donna Christian, Edinburgh
- Michael Smith, Muncie
- John Chidester, Santa Claus
- Scott Smith, Danville
- Rick Hofstetter, Nashville
- Tom Spackman, Jr., Monticello
- Terry Seitz, Jasper
- Jim Butler, Bloomington
- Judy Zehner, Fort Wayne
- John Harris, Indianapolis
- Li Ping Cai, West Lafayette

**Additional members:**

- Amy Vaughan, Fishers
- Bob Bedell, Indianapolis
- Dean Morgan, Valparaiso
- Doug Weisheit, Rockville
- Jo Wade, Lafayette
- John Livengood, Indianapolis
- Kenneth Surber, Waterloo
- Kyle Hupfer, Indianapolis
- Linda Lytle, Madison
- Lorelei Weimer, Chesterton
- Allan Barnett, French Lick
- Michael Smith, Indianapolis
- Peggy Hobson, Kokomo
- Phil Anderson, Indianapolis
- Randy Ballinger, Marion
- Rep. Jerry Denbo, French Lick
- Rep. Mike Ripley, Monroe
- Sen. Connie Sipes, New Albany
- Sen. Dennis Kruse, Auburn
- Susan Hindman-Thurman, Indianapolis
- Tom Sharp, Indianapolis

**Tourism Fast Facts:**

*Every year Indiana welcomes 58 million people to the state.*

*94,000 jobs in Indiana are tourism-related.*

*Visitors spend nearly \$6.7 billion while visiting Indiana.*

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